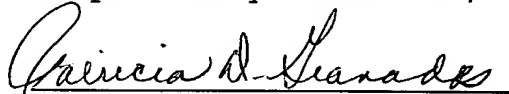


REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to insert required references to SEQ ID NOS of the Sequence Listing filed concurrently herewith, to indicate the insertion point for the Sequence Listing, and to effect the necessary changes in pagination. Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of this application.

It is believed that no additional fees are required; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. It is further believed that no additional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required. However, should such a petition be required, applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time, and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the necessary petition fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia D. Granados
Reg. No. 33,683

April 27, 1998
Date

FOLEY & LARDNER
Suite 500
3000 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007-5109
(202) 672-5300